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The second part was there was a question on the discussion of the bill in committee whether it involved Indian Burial Grounds, and we were not quite sure, but in order to be sure that it did, an amendment was prepared to include Indian Burial Ground. I believe this is all that is necessary for the advancement.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion on the amendment and I think that probably that explains the bill too.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I will move for the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: All those in favor of adopting the amendment, say aye, all those opposed, the amendment is adopted.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Now Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature, I move we advance LB 277 as amended to E&R initial. Actually all this bill does is to give some guide lines to county boards for care and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries. For the most part these are not large areas, but are relatively small, and in many instances the fences have become dilapidated and stock is running over these areas, many of them are growing up in brush and weeds, and it only, according to the county boards, they are not really reluctant to take care of them, but they would like to have some guide line as to what and how much they can do, and actually this is what it does, gives them the right to fence these areas, to have the weeds and brush sprayed, and to also, not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars a year on a cemetery, this is really all the bill does.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members, I'm very interested in this bill, I think it is an excellent bill, I would just question do we need to have that provision which apparently is in current law when petitioned by 25 free holders of the county, could this not be stricken, I think if there are abandoned cemeteries they ought to be maintained whether ten or twenty five or two people want them maintained. I think if we can't have respect for our ancestors including our Indian ancestors, I would be amazed, am I reading this right, this can only come about when twenty five people petition or am I reading it wrong.

SPEAKER: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the legislature, in answer to your question Senator Stahmer, the first amendment to this bill, did strike that petition out of there so that, and it really was a concern and I'm going -

SENATOR STAHMER: Thank you very much I'm very happy.

SPEAKER: All those in favor of advancing LB 277, vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Aye. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, no nays, 21 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. That bring us to LB 523.

CLERK: Title Read LB 523.

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I can make a comment on this bill on behalf of Senator Proud if it is permissible.

SPEAKER: Fire away.